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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AND SUBMISSION OF TERMINAL DISCLAIMER

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 20, 2004, the applicants hereby submit a Terminal Disclaimer in the above application. Kindly charge our deposit account number 02-2135 for the Terminal Disclaimer fee of One Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$130).

The only issue in the outstanding Office Action was the rejection of claims 21-41, on obviousness type double patenting basis over claims 1-3 of U.S. Patent No. 6,143,326. In view of the Terminal Disclaimer submitted herewith, the rejection is believed moot and should be withdrawn. As there are no other issues remaining in the outstanding Office Action, it is believed that this application is in proper condition for allowance, and early notice to that effect is awaited.

If any additional payment is required, please charge the cost thereof to deposit account no. 02-2135.

Respectfully submitted,

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